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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC: DEMARCHE OPPOSING FRENCH INTERSESSIONAL
COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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1. EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE PER REFTEL INSTRUCTIONS TO

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICER (MRS. CATLEY-CARLSON) RESPONSIBLE FOR ECOSOC AFFAIRS LATE AFTERNOON JULY 19. MRS. CATLEY-CARLSON REQUESTED THAT FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER BE DEFERRED UNTIL JULY 22.

2. ON MORNING OF JULY 22 MRS. CATLEY-CARLSON TELEPHONED EMBOFF WHO REITERATED U.S. VIEWS AS CONTAINED PARA 3 OF REFTEL. MRS. CATLEY-CARLSON RESPONDED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

A. UNLESS "SECOND FRENCH RESOLUTION" HAS UNDERGONE AMENDMENT, EXTAFF'S UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT WOULD SET UP A MECHANISM TO LOOK AT WHOLE RANGE OF COMMODITY PROBLEMS, WITH THE FIRST ONE BEING ENERGY.

B. GOC PUBLIC POSTURE IS ONE OF READINESS TO HAVE INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY DIALOGUES BETWEEN PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, ALTHOUGH EXTAFF BELIEVES ANY DIALOGUE ON ENERGY RESOURCES WOULD BE DESTINED TO FUTILITY.

C. THUS, WHILE EXTAFF VIEWS ON "ILL-CONCEIVED" FRENCH RESOLUTION ARE MUCH THE SAME AS THE U.S.'S, CANADA WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT WANT TO STICK OUT IN FRONT IN OPPOSITION BUT ASSUMES THAT THE CANADIAN DELEGATION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS EXISTING INSTRUCTIONS, IS VIGOROUSLY LOBBYING FOR ACCEPTABLE AMENDMENTS TO THE RESOLUTION OR MARRYING THE FRENCH DRAFT WITH ANY EXTANT U.S. PROPOSALS ON SUBJECT.

D. CONSEQUENTLY, EXTAFF NOT REPEAT NOT IN POSITION AT THIS TIME TO SAY WHETHER OR NOT GOC WILL FINALLY DECIDE TO VOTE FOR OR AGAINST THE RESOLUTION IN COMMITTEE AND/OR PLENARY.

3. COMMENT: FRENCH RESOLUTION, AS DESCRIBED IN REFTEL, APPEARS TO BE SOLELY CONCERNED WITH ENERGY AND IF THAT IS THE CASE IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IT IS CONSIDERABLY MORE LIMITED IN SCOPE THAN EXTAFF'S UNDERSTANDING OF IT. PERHAPS THERE HAVE BEEN AMENDMENTS TO IT THAT EXTAFF IS UNAWARE OF. IF
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THAT IS THE CASE AND IF MORE DETAILS CAN BE PROVIDED THE CANADIANS, EMBASSY BELIEVES WE WOULD HAVE BETTER CHANCE IN SECURING CANADA'S VOTE AGAINST THE RESOLUTION.
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